

THEY'LL GET HIM IN TIME

The Hunt for "Railroad Bill" Is Kept Up.

HE COULDN'T HOLD THE LEAD

That Would Be Poured Into His Carcass If He Is Caught.

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED

A Suspect Is Held Who Is Believed to Be Same as the One With the Description—A Confession of the Other Story.

Brewton, July 9.—(Special Staff Correspondence.)—Although a week has elapsed since the killing of Sheriff Ed S. McMillen at Bluff Springs, Fla., by the noted thief, murderer and outlaw, "Railroad Bill," yet it is as fresh in the minds of the Brewton people as if the sad and tragic affair had only occurred yesterday. There is an apparent picture of sadness on the face of every person you meet, and the principal topic of conversation on the streets is the shocking affair which laid to rest one of the bravest officers in Alabama and one of the best citizens in Escambia county. While the excitement to a certain extent has somewhat subsided, still it is plainly to be seen that there is a strong determination on the part of every citizen of not only the town, but the whole of Escambia and surrounding counties, to avenge the death of the man who was so universally loved by all. There would only be a short space of time between life and eternity with "Railroad Bill" if only a few people could get their hands on him. His carcass is not large enough to hold one-half of the bullets that would be emptied into it by the enraged citizens of Brewton. There are no threats of violence to be heard, for they realize the fact that they must "catch before being caught."

The search for "Railroad Bill" has practically been abandoned by a large number of the citizens on account of not being able to remain away from their business longer, but the officers of the surrounding counties, together with a great many detectives, are still keeping a sharp lookout for the desperado, and they are of the opinion that it is only a matter of time when they will get him, and land him either in jail or in eternity. It is believed here that "Railroad Bill" has reached the point of desperation where he will not be taken alive, and that when he is found it will be a face to face battle. "Railroad Bill's" last bloody deed was committed at a time and place where means of escape were all in his favor. In the first place the posse in pursuit, it seems, were led into the outlaws trap by a negro, who promised the sheriff to locate and show him the man he wanted. In the next place the swampy ground between Bluff Springs, Fla., and Bay Minette, Baldwin county, Ala., was covered with water, thus affording the bloodthirsty villain easy means of escape from the scene of the crime without leaving any tracks to be seen by his pursuers, and he was not followed by a posse well acquainted with every foot of ground in that section of the country, and the officers were not. It is said that every negro but in that section is being closely guarded by armed men, and that they will get a glimpse of him when he comes in from the swamps to get something to eat.

Sheriff Irvin of Conecuh county arrested a negro at Evergreen yesterday who filled the description of "Railroad Bill" to the letter, with two exceptions. The negro gave his name as Jackson and said he was on his way to the Birmingham district in search of work. He was unable to identify himself or give satisfactory reference as to his identity. He said he formerly worked as a section hand on a railroad in south Florida, but did not remember the names of his employers. "Railroad Bill" is described as being about 5 feet high, weighing high and about 165 pounds. The negro arrested by Sheriff Irvin was only 5 feet and 4 1/2 inches high and weighed about 135 pounds. He was placed in jail yesterday afternoon at Evergreen to await further developments.

It was learned here this afternoon that the citizens of Brewton and Escambia county had signed a petition and forwarded it to Governor Oates, urging him to appoint Mr. James McMillen, brother of the murdered man, to the office of sheriff. He has no opposition.

The news that was sent out from Montgomery a few days ago, purporting to be information furnished by a "prominent gentleman from Escambia," to the effect that Sheriff McMillen was led into a trap by his enemies and advancing the theory that he was assassinated by some one other than "Railroad Bill," created no little unfavorable comment here, from the fact that it is said by many prominent men here that the negro was led into a trap by his enemies and advancing the theory that he was assassinated by some one other than "Railroad Bill," no one knew it. The statement is denounced as unwarranted.

SAID TO BE SORELY WOUNDED.

He Must Show Himself for Die a Loathsome Death.

Montgomery, July 9.—(Special.)—Mr. O'Bannon, who was with Sheriff McMillen at the time of the assassination, was seen by the Age-Herald man as he passed through the city. He stated that he was going to Wetumpka with Mr. Peoples to rest for a few days before renewing the chase. He believes that the desperado is in hiding in some of the swamps in the neighborhood of Bluff Springs. He says that the negro is badly wounded, has the hip, and unless he prefers to die a loathsome death in the swamps will be compelled to show himself in a short time. It is suspected that negroes in the neighborhood are cognizant of his whereabouts and are furnishing him with food and medicine, but no threats can be extorted from them any information.

Sunday morning an old log cabin in the woods, about twenty-two miles from Flatomont, where was rumored that the desperado was in hiding, was surrounded by the posse. No response being received to the repeated calls the house was fired into. This had the effect of bringing forth a negro man from the loft, very much frightened and excited, who, in reply to questions, denied having any knowledge of "Railroad Bill."

Mr. O'Bannon was asked for his opinion in regard to the rumors current about the enemies of Mr. McMillen and not "Railroad Bill" being responsible for his assassination. He firmly believes that "Railroad Bill" did the shooting, but says that the other story is possible.

Texas Mob Fires Upon a Negro House.

St. Louis, July 9.—A special to the Chronicle from Mount Pleasant, Tex., states that a mob of whites, headed by a colored man named Young, one mile north of that place, at 2 o'clock this morning in search of a horse thief, supposed to be concealed in the house. The mob fired upon the family, killing an 8-year-old son and a 10-year-old daughter. More trouble is expected, as the negroes have threatened vengeance.

Illinois Representatives at Atlanta.

Springfield, Ill., July 9.—Governor Altgeld yesterday appointed the following to represent Illinois at the International and Cotton States exposition at Atlanta, Sept. 1, 1895: A. S. Trade and George Schneider, Chicago; Capt. W. P. Halliday, Cairo; Willis Abbot of Chicago was named as secretary of the commission. The thirty-ninth general assembly appropriated \$15,000 for the exhibit from Illinois.

Alabama Coke for Mexico.

Mobile, July 9.—The German steamer Nostrand, with two loads, 325 tons of Alabama coke, left here for Mexico. The coke is shipped by the Mobile Coal company and is the first considerable export of coke from this port. It will be tested in one of the furnaces of one of the Mexican smelting companies.

Superintendent Jackson Crushed to Death.

Panama, July 9.—J. L. Jackson, superintendent of the Penwell colliery, and well known to the coal operators and coal dealers throughout the United States, was crushed to death between a coal car and the mine elevator this morning.

A LYNCHING BEE POSTPONED

Because Chief Burke of Mobile Would Not Deliver the Prisoner—interesting Developments Are Expected.

Mobile, July 9.—On Tuesday last a negro named Andrew Thomas, it is alleged, criminally assaulted an old lady named Vige, about three miles from Moss Point, Miss., and left her by the roadside more dead than alive. Poses were immediately organized and started in pursuit of the negro, and although they once or twice came within sight of the negro, they soon lost sight of him in the dense swamps in which he took refuge. The place where the crime is supposed to have been committed is in Jackson county, Mississippi, and on Friday last the law officers of that county visited this city and put themselves in communication with Chief of Police Peter Burke, to whom they gave a description of the criminal and then went back home with the assurance that if the negro showed his head in the limits of the city of Mobile he would be arrested.

As Chief Burke has never failed to catch a criminal that has taken refuge in Mobile since he has been in office, the Jacksonville county authorities were feeling confident that they would soon have the negro whom they had chased so hotly. Friday night the negro was arrested, and although he gave his name as Henry Adams, he was identified by several parties who knew him as Andrew Thomas, the negro who was wanted. The Jacksonville county authorities were notified and there was some surprise expressed at their delay in coming to get the prisoner, but it was finally rumored in this city that the negro was certain to be lynched by the very minute that he set foot on Mississippi soil.

On Saturday night Thomas confessed to Chief Burke that he was the party wanted to be lynched, and he turned over the prisoner to the officers from Mississippi. He therefore announced that he would not turn the prisoner over to them until they came armed with an order from the governor of Mississippi in the shape of a requisition. The officers were evidently disappointed, but they returned home to Scranton and said they would secure the required requisition.

Reports from Scranton are to the effect that there were no on horseback along side the railroad to carry the news of the negro's arrival to a mob which was in waiting to lynch him if he had showed up on the train last night. It is thought here that Governor Adams will not recognize the requisition until he is given assurances by the Mississippi authorities that the negro will not be lynched.

The next step in the case is being awaited here with considerable interest.

SMITH GETS A STAY.

Justice White of the Federal Supreme Court Grants a Writ.

Washington, July 9.—Justice White of the supreme court of the United States has allowed a writ of error in the case of the state of Mississippi vs. Charley Smith, who is under sentence to be hanged tomorrow. This will act as a stay against the execution until the error alleged can be investigated by the courts.

OLYMPIA IS A FLYER.

Maintains a Speed of Twenty Knots on a Natural Draught.

Washington, July 9.—Reports of the final trial of the Olympia, which reached the navy department today, show that the vessel maintained a speed of nearly twenty knots in Sault-Ste Marie channel for four hours on a natural draught, which is greater than expected. The vessel was not forced in any way, accomplishing twenty knots with the greatest ease. The vessel was heavily loaded, being 800 tons, and was carrying a full complement of crew and passengers. The Olympia is now at San Francisco recruiting her men for a three years' cruise. As soon as her complement of men is full she will go to Mare Island for two weeks and then proceed to Chile to replace the Baltimore as the flagship.

THE PLAN IS OPERATIVE.

Deposits of Central Stock and Certificates Sufficiently Large.

New York, July 9.—Deposits of the Georgia Central railroad stock and certificates of indebtedness with the Mercantile Trust company and in Savannah have been sufficiently large to give the committee a large majority, both of debentures and minority stock. Under these circumstances the plan by its terms has become fully operative and it will doubtless be formally declared so within a short time.

Threatened Trouble With Railway Telegraphers.

St. Worth, Tex., July 9.—Assistant Grand Chief Dolph of the Order of Railway Telegraphers left this morning on a trip over the Cotton Belt railroad to investigate the trouble between the company and the telegraphers. Dolph hopes to adjust differences satisfactorily, but says if the order annulling the contract between the railroad company and employees is enforced there certainly will be trouble.

DEATH STOLE UPON SLEEP

Appalling Railway Accident at Craig's Road, Quebec.

AT LEAST A SCORE SLAIN

The Second Section of an Excursion Train Crashes Into the First.

PILGRIMS BOUND TO ST. ANNE'S SHRINE

There Was No Warning Before the Iron Monster Plunged Through the SLEEPER.

The Accident Cannot Be Accounted For—The Dead.

Craig Road, Que., July 9.—In the early hours of this morning there occurred an accident on the Grand Trunk railroad at the station here that has seldom been equaled in horror by any similar event in Canadian railway circles.

A special excursion passenger train rushing along in the darkness of the early morning crashed into another train of the same kind preceding it and killed just how many is not clearly known at present, but some twenty people are believed to be dead, and the wounded are numbered in the vicinity of two scores. At this writing exact figures are impossible to obtain, nor can the full list of names of the victims be had.

The trains that came into collision were special excursion trains filled with pilgrims en route from Sherbrooke, Richmond and Windsor mills to Levis, where they were to cross over to Quebec and proceed to the shrine at St. Anne de Baupre, and were following one another, with an interval of twenty minutes between them. The forward train was making good time, having left Richmond at 10 o'clock the night before. On the rear of this train was a Pullman, in which were the priests and others in charge of the party, and it was in this car that most of the loss of life occurred. The first train reached this station, which is fourteen miles west of Levis, about 3 o'clock, and stopped at the tank to take water. Due precautions were taken and the telegraphers thrown to danger against the following train.

Only the trainmen were out and about attending to their duties. The Pullman, in the rear, was wrapped in silence and the trainmen were unaware of the terrible fate that was rushing upon them. Suddenly there was a great crash. The second train coming at full speed dashed into the rear Pullman of the first. So great was the impact of the collision that the engine of the second train itself in the palace car and the latter plunged forward and partially telescoped the first car immediately in front. Every berth in the Pullman was wrecked, and some of the occupants who were killed never knew what happened to them. They died sleeping.

Others awoke to their horrible surroundings and position maimed, bleeding and bruised, conscious of little else but the agony that racked them. It was an awful scene. The cries of the wounded and moans of the dying and the outpouring of passengers from cars that were not badly damaged and the hurrying forms of the uninjured trainmen, with their flickering lanterns, all combined to make a sight seldom experienced in its tragic horrors.

The work of rescue was begun as soon as possible. When the blinding clouds of steam had subsided the trainmen, priests and others got together and the dead and wounded were taken from the ruins of the engine, the Pullman and the first-class car and removed to temporary quarters, where the women of the party ministered as best they could to the needs of the maimed pilgrims. They got out the bandages for bandaging the wounds in the absence of enough medical aid to go around to staunch the flow of blood and properly cleanse the wounds. Word was sent to Montreal and an order from there was sent to Levis to send a force of doctors from Quebec to attend to the wounded and a force of men to clear the track. The special train from there reached here at an early hour and all of the wounded that could be moved were placed on board and sent to Levis, where they could be cared for in hospitals.

It is hard to say where the blame for the accident rests. It has been suggested that the engine of the second train was doused off to sleep and thus missed seeing the warning semaphore, and was not conscious of his whereabouts. Indeed this would seem to be the only theory that can be advanced, but a strict investigation will be held at once to determine where the responsibility rests. The following are all the names of the killed that can be obtained at this writing:

- Rev. Father Mercer, Richmond.
- Charles Heard, mail clerk, and daughter, Richmond.
- Miss Valin, St. Joseph de Levis.
- Miss Phaneuf, St. Joseph de Levis.
- Richard Perkins, fireman, Richmond.
- Mrs. C. Canyer, Danville.
- Hector McLean, engineer, Richmond.
- Two ladies from Eli, Shefford county, names unknown.
- Two other ladies, unidentified.
- Father Ignace, Superior Mills, is thought to be fatally injured.
- Rev. Father DesRosiers has a leg and arm broken, and is otherwise badly injured.
- The colored porter of the Pullman car Balmora received fearful injuries, and has since died.

BLACKBURN CALLED OFF.

He Will Make No More Speeches at the Request of the Democratic State Central Committee.

New York, July 9.—Special dispatches from Louisville, Ky., say that Senator Blackburn has been called off the stump in Kentucky. He had an appointment to speak in Carlisle yesterday. He went there and took the stand for twelve minutes, telling why he could not speak.

The democratic state central committee thought the interest of the party would be better served if he kept out of the fight. Consequently a letter was addressed him by Chairman Carroll, asking him to make no speeches. Senator Blackburn said that he had worn the democratic badge so long that he was well accustomed to it, and did not think he could work for any other party. However, he said he would do as he had been requested, and make no more speeches.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

Montgomery Elated at the Result of That Election.

STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Is Called to Order Today—The Full Programme of the Session.

FOUR DEPUTY U. S. MARSHALS RESIGN

Montgomery and Greenville in a Tennis Tournament—Military Matters—Miss Hunter Wins Her Suit—An Aged Carpenter's Fall.

Age-Herald Bureau.

Montgomery, July 9.

Montgomeryans are very much elated over the outcome of the election of officers of the Elyton companies in Birmingham yesterday. Dr. B. J. Baldwin, who was elected as president of the Elyton Land company, is one of the most substantial business men of this city, being president of the large banking house of Josiah Morris & Co. J. K. McDonald, who was elected president of the Elyton company, is also numbered among Montgomery's most successful financiers. He is at present national bank examiner for the southern circuit and was recently appointed receiver of the First National bank of Ocala, Fla.

The Alabama Bar Association.

The eighteenth meeting of the Alabama State Bar association convenes in this city at 10 o'clock tomorrow. Many prominent lawyers from various portions of the state are already in the city and many more are expected on the morning trains.

Hon. Sam D. Meek of Columbus, Miss., who is to deliver the annual address, arrived last night and is a guest of the Exchange.

The following is the programme to be observed:

The meeting on Wednesday will be held at the city of Montgomery.

and will be opened at 10 a. m. by the address of the president, James E. Webb, Esq.

This will be followed by:

Report of the treasurer.

Report of the executive committee.

Report of the committee on jurisprudence and law reform by the chairman, D. P. Bestor, Esq.

Paper by John London, Esq., on "Excursions from Excursions."

Report of the committee on judicial administration and remedial procedure, by the chairman, A. C. Hargrove, Esq.

Annual address by Hon. Samuel M. Meek of Mississippi.

Address by W. L. Chambers, Esq., on "Our International Relations."

Report of the committee on legal education and admission to the bar, by the chairman, John B. Knox, Esq.

The meeting will be held at Jackson's lake and will be opened by the report of the committee on legislation by the chairman, D. S. Troy, Esq.

Report of the committee on correspondence by the chairman, F. G. Bromberg, Esq.

Report of other standing committees.

Election of officers.

A dinner will be given by the association to its members at the lake on Thursday at 2 p. m.

Each essay and report read before the association will be open for discussion for one hour, speeches discussing it being limited to ten minutes.

By order of the executive committee.

ALEXANDER TROY, Secretary.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad company has placed a train at the convenience of the association for the excursion to Jackson's lake on Thursday, and the number of the excursion will be without expense to the members.

No July Term

There will be no July term of the city court this year; that is, only the grand jury will be in session. No civil or criminal cases will be tried in Judge Arrington's tribunal until the second Monday in November. This was decided yesterday. Judge Arrington is not in good health and his friends and physicians advised that he should not attempt to undergo the several weeks of severe mental labor during this warm and debilitating weather.

Tennis Tournament.

Messrs. Cliff Clifton and Boise Walker of the Montgomery Tennis club leave here in the morning for Greenville, at which place they will play a tournament with Messrs. Andrews and Gamble of the Greenville Tennis club. A number of Montgomeryans will go down to witness the tournament. Walker and Clifton are crackjack players, and the outcome of the game is awaited with interest.

Verdict for Plaintiff.

Circuit court was occupied this morning with the trial of the case of Lizzie Hunter vs. the Western Union Telegraph company. The suit was to recover damages for the loss of a telegram. The jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff \$250 damages on the grounds of lacerated feelings, etc.

Military Matters.

Capt. Harvey E. Jones returned this morning from Mobile, where he has been for several weeks attending to his duties as assistant-general and representative of the governor at the two military encampments held there. Captain Jones says that the encampment of Alabama's colored troops held last week was eminently satisfactory. The colored troops are well drilled and well disciplined.

A telegram has been received at the office of the adjutant-general from Major Peagler of the First regiment, asking that his resignation, which was sent in several days ago, be withheld until further communication. The message was received too late, however, as the resignation had already been accepted and notice of such action mailed to him. If Major Peagler desires to remain major of the battalion he must be re-elected and re-commissioned.

Deputy Marshals Resign.

Last night Deputy United States Marshals C. E. Taylor, B. Hill, Young Blake and W. L. Poole of this federal district tendered their resignations to Marshal Tisdale. The resignations were accepted and appointments to fill the vacancies caused thereby will be made as soon as Marshal Tisdale returns from Brooklyn, N. Y., where he went this morning to assist Deputy U. S. Adams in conducting the trial of M. Kearney to the Kings county penitentiary.

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The cause of these wholesale resignations is that when the charges against United Commissioner Douglas Smith of Opelika for incompetency and non-attendance to duty were dismissed by Judge Bruce on Thursday of last week Smith removed his office from Opelika, Lee county, to Wedowee, Randolph county, thereby rendering it impossible for the deputies to make a living out of their jobs, as they are paid mileage and as their operations are conducted principally in Randolph and adjacent counties, the mileage amounts to nothing. Then Wedowee is on the line of no railroad, and it costs them more to get there than the mileage amounts to. There is a law, too, which says prisoners must be carried before the nearest commissioner for preliminary trial, and they were only eighteen deputy marshals in this district, and four of that number resigning it leaves Marshal Tisdale rather short of deputies. He will return from Brooklyn the latter part of the week, and the appointments will be made immediately thereafter.

An Aged Carpenter's Fall.

Late yesterday afternoon at the corner of Virginia and Jeff Davis avenues, Mr. Wilkerson, an aged carpenter who slides out at Cloverdale, fell from the scaffolding projecting from the roof of a cottage now in course of construction and sustained injuries which may prove fatal. A fellow workman fell with Mr. Wilkerson, but with the exception of several bruises was unhurt. Mr. Wilkerson is almost 70 years old and the shock of falling from the height of two stories was terrific.

Montgomery's Miscellany.

Grand Secretary H. Clay Armstrong of the grand lodge of Alabama went to Marion this morning to attend the Masonic conference to be held there today and tomorrow. He will deliver a public address tomorrow.

Miss Daisy Taylor is visiting friends in Tilden.

Mrs. Harry Stringfellow and her little daughter, Kathleen, left today for White Sulphur Springs.

Probate Judge Gaston returned last night from Warm Springs, Ga., where he had been on a visit to his family, who are spending the summer at that delightful resort.

A party composed of Superintendent McKinney of the Louisville and Nashville, Mrs. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Boykin, the Misses Thornton and Mr. John O'Connor has gone to St. Simon's for a week's vacation.

Miss Norman Williams has returned to her home in Clayton, after a pleasant visit to friends in this city.

Misses Alita Barnett and Gussie Cecilia Mabson are at Blount Springs for the summer.

Col. H. C. Tompkins is in Tuskegee today.

Capt. B. C. Tarver is spending his vacation at Talladega Springs.

Capt. W. J. Parkes of Birmingham is in Montgomery on business.

It is a great favorite with the soldier boys.

Hon. A. G. Smith of Birmingham is in the city today.

Miss Mary Washburn, one of Montgomery's most charming young ladies, is visiting friends in Macon county.

Miss Sadie Elaine Shelton is visiting the family of Rev. John Bass Shelton, on Goldwaite street.

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the parlors of the Hotel Madison will be held a meeting of the Alabama Fowling and Pet Stock association. The meeting will be one of very great interest and all the members are urged to attend.

Mrs. F. L. Lucas and Mrs. Peyton Bibb left this morning for a visit to the old home of Mrs. Lucas in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bingham are spending the summer in Talladega.

Prof. G. F. McDonald has returned from a visit to his family at Talladega Springs.

W. S. Reese, Jr., will spend the summer at Old Point Comfort.

A Credit for Randolph.

Recently the books of the ascending probate judge, F. C. Randolph, of this county were examined by the state examiner and about \$28,000 default to the state were shown up. Shortly after the county examiner ascertained that there were about \$3000 shortage in the county's funds. Today Randolph's clerk appeared before the county board of revenue and produced receipts showing this amount number of the county shortage had been wrongfully charged up against the defaulting judge. The board meeting was quite stormy. The ex-probate clerk has held all along that more shortage had been charged than should have been. The board gave credit for the amount shown to have been paid into the county funds by Randolph.

JOINT DEBATE AT COLUMBUS, MISS.

Ex-Governor Lowry and W. H. Sims to Discuss the Silver Question.

Columbus, Miss., July 9.—(Special.)—William H. Sims and Ex-Governor Robert Lowry will speak in joint debate in this city July 13 on the silver question. The silver men are confident of Governor Lowry's ability to present the advantages of free silver in such a manner as to result in much good.

Vardaman Withdraws.

Jackson, Miss., July 9.—Hon. J. K. Vardaman of Leflore county, free silver candidate for governor, writes a letter to the Clarion Ledger announcing his withdrawal from the race, for the reason, he says, that he "sees he cannot win." This leaves the contest between H. C. McGab of Vicksburg, sound money candidate, and Senator A. J. McLaurin, the 16 to 1 champion. There is no sort of doubt as to the result. The free silver cause is on a losing ground for the time being and none other need apply for office for the present. Mr. Vardaman was speaker of the last legislature, is a polished and capable gentleman, but did not have McLaurin's "pull," and was being crowded to the wall all along the line.

WENT TO SLEEP ON THE TRACK.

A Night Watchman Ground Into Pulp by a Freight Train.

Meridian, Miss., July 9.—(Special.)—Duke Donovan, a young white man, 20 years of age, was run over and killed at State Line, Miss., last night by a freight train on the Mobile and Ohio railroad. Donovan was nightwatchman for the Kindling mills at that place and went to sleep on the track, his body being ground into a pulp. Donovan's parents reside in this city.

BIG BLOCK OF SOUTHERN SECURITIES

Placed Abroad by Mr. Pierpont Morgan's Firm.

New York, July 9.—Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan confirms the statement that his firm has just sold abroad a very large block of Southern railway securities. Particulars are withheld, but the sale includes the stocks as well as the bonds of the company. The block is several million dollars.

SO CORNELL WENT IT ALONE

The Race at Henley Is Claimed on a Fluke.

A TAKE OF THE UMPIRE

Leanders Were Not in Position When "Go!" Was Given.

THE ITHACA LADS PULL OUT IN FINE STYLE

Their College Comrades Follow them Down the Towpath and Split the British.

With Their Yell—Will the "Race" Stand?

Henley, July 9.—The weather was cloudy in the early hours of the morning and it was greatly feared that the principal feature of the Thames rowing season would be marred by rain, but the clouds lifted about 10 o'clock and the sun shone brightly, while there was a refreshing breeze all along the river.

The entire length of the regatta course was lined with craft of every description, and clouds of people gathered on the Berks and Oxfordshire banks of the river long before there was any sign of activity among the managers, committees or crews taking part in the events of the day.

Last year the attendance was enormous, but today's crowd eclipsed all previous gatherings. House boats were more numerous than ever, and the demand for them so great that most exorbitant prices charged for their rental were paid without grumbling.

The Cornell crew was the center of interest and Argonaut Rowing club's four of Toronto attracted its full share of attention.

In the first heat the Trinity hall crew drew ahead of the London Rowing club immediately after leaving the starting point, and at the head of Temple island they were a quarter of a length in the lead.

At the rectory, about a quarter of the distance to the finish, they were a clean length ahead. Their time at the Fawley Court boat house, midway of the course, was three minutes and thirty seconds. They were then two lengths ahead and kept increasing their lead until they won by good four lengths. Their time for the full course was seven minutes and thirty-six seconds.

In the heat between the Thames and Eton College Rowing clubs the Thames boat led slightly just after the start, but the Eton boys were a quarter of a length ahead at the quarter mile, half a length ahead at the rectory and three-quarters at the farm. Their time at Fawley Court boat house was three minutes and thirty-two seconds, when they were a length and a quarter ahead. The Eton boat was steered badly, being kept too much in the middle of the river, but this did not prevent their winning by a length and a quarter, covering the course in seven minutes and thirty-four seconds.

When the starting gun was fired for the third heat the Leanders, who were drawn to row against the Cornell crew, were not in position and ready to start, and the Cornell rowed over the course alone, rowing in true racing fashion from start to finish. Cornell students, of whom there were large numbers present, ran along the tow path cheering the men and filling the air with the Cornell cry, which was taken up by the Americans occupying the house boats along the course. The scene was very exciting. It is expected the Leanders will lodge a protest. If this is done it will be considered by the committee this evening after the day's racing is over. If the committee decides that Cornell is entitled to retain the heat the Ithaca men will row with Trinity Hall in the second round of heats.

Wind was blowing strong off the Berks shore, which favored the Cornell, who had drawn a position on that side. C. S. Francis, manager of the Cornell crew, was unable to be taken on board the umpire's launch, which follows the boats over the course, as Willard, the umpire, thought "are you ready?"

When Willard asked "are you ready?" the Leanders shouted "no," but apparently Willard did not hear them, as he said "go," and Cornell went off in good style. The umpire's launch did not follow for some time, but as the Cornell's showed no signs of stopping the launch eventually followed them down the course, while the Leanders remained at the starting point. The Cornell, after